

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action notes that claims 1-33 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1 and 14 have been amended and claim 15 has been cancelled. The amendments to claims 1 and 14 are fully supported by the Specification and do not add any new matter to the application. Therefore, claims 1-14 and 16-33 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner: (1) rejected claims 1-13 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph; (2) rejected claim 14 under 35 USC §102(b); (3) objected to claims 15 and 16 as being dependent on a rejected base claim; and (4) allowed claims 17-33. The Office Action notes that claims 15 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant responds to the Examiner's objections and rejections below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1-13 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, because the limitation "said housing" did not have sufficient antecedent basis in the claim. Applicant has amended claim 1 to remove the term "housing" so that claim 1 now recites "said first chamber" and "said second chamber," which Applicant respectfully submits do have sufficient antecedent basis in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

The Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Strand '979. Applicant has amended claim 14 to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 15 (which depended from claim 14 and which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if written

in independent form) and respectfully submits that claim 14, as amended, is not anticipated by Strand.

Objection to Claims 15 and 16

The Examiner objected to claims 15 and 16 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As discussed above, Applicant has amended claim 14 to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 15 and cancelled claim 15. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 16 is no longer dependent upon a rejected base claim and respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the aforesaid, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-14 and 16-33 are in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance for these claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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